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**Subject:** Stakeholder Meeting Mount Hope Bay/Taunton River Estuary Monitoring Strategy - May 23rd 2018, MassDEP Worcester Office.

**Importance:** High

Hello- We will be holding our next **Mount Hope Bay/Taunton River Estuary Monitoring Strategy Stakeholder** meeting at the **MassDEP Office in Worcester on May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10-3 PM**. This meeting is a follow-up to the February 1<sup>st</sup> Stakeholder Meeting in Lakeville. Please look for a following-up e-mail with directions, and agenda, and a call in/join.me link next week.

MassDEP is working in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), to develop a water quality monitoring strategy for the Taunton River Estuary and Mount Hope Bay. The goal of this effort is to collaboratively develop a monitoring strategy to assist all of us in answering key water quality questions for this water resource. The area of focus for this project extends from Mount Hope Bay and the Rhode Island border to just above the Taunton WWTP. MassDEP will share ongoing activities for Marine dissolved oxygen (DO) review. We will share our current thoughts on the monitoring strategy and solicit further stakeholder input that will be used to inform the final plan. Our ultimate goal for this effort is the development of a comprehensive monitoring strategy for the assessment, restoration, and protection of surface waters that we all support and can commit to implementing.

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